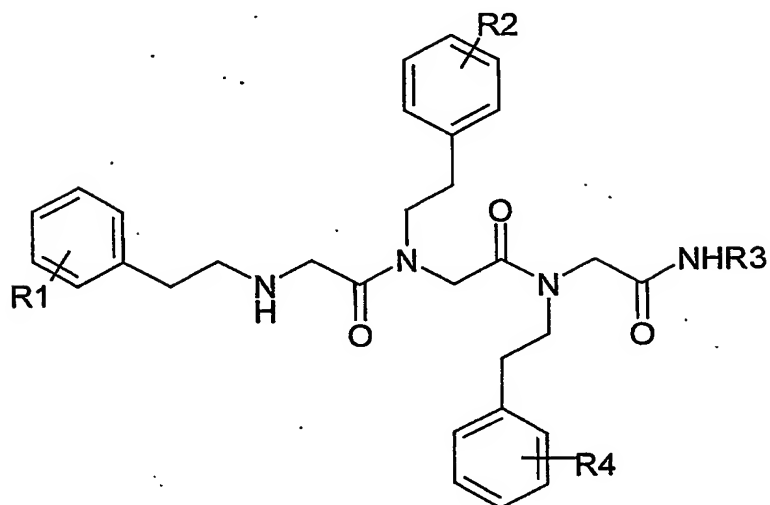


Claims

1. A pharmaceutical composition comprising Taxol and a compound of
5 formula I,



10

wherein:

R¹ is H or OR'

R² is H, R''

R³ is H, R''

15

R⁴ is H, R'', OR'

R' is C₁ – C₆ alkyl residue

R'' is methyl, ethyl, butyl

20

2. The composition according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is H, R² is OR', R³ is H
and OR' is in para-position.
3. The composition according to claims 1-2, wherein R¹ is OR', R² is OR', R⁴
is H and OR' is in para-position.

4. The composition according to claims 1-3, wherein R^4 is H.
5. Use of a composition according to claims 1-4 for the preparation of a medicament for induction of apoptosis.
6. Use of a composition according to claims 1-4 for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of hyperproliferative disease.
- 10 7. Use of a composition according to claims 1-6, wherein the compounds are applied concurrently or sequentially
8. A pharmaceutical kit of parts comprising a first package with Taxol and a second package comprising a compound of formula I.
- 15 9. A method of cancer therapy which comprises:
performing a first treatment with Taxol; and
performing on the patient a second treatment with a compound according to any of claims 1-5 which induces apoptosis in said cancer cells,
20 wherein the first and second treatment are performed in any order or concurrently.